MR. E. P VARGHESE: May I ask whether any of the students who have passed out of the Konni School have taken to scientific cultivation ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes Sir.

Arrests, conviction etc., for theft.

361 *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of persons arrested by the Police for theft, from 1st Chingom 1113 to the 15th Edavom 1113 ; and

(*b*) of these, the number convicted and sent to the Central Jail ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO (*Ig. Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) 705.

(*b*) Number convicted 329
Number sent to Jail 301.

Appointments made in the Co-operative Department.

362 *MR. K. T. THOMAS (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement by communities of:

(*a*) the appointments made between the years 1108 to 1112 in the Co-operative Department;

(*b*) the appointments made in 1111 and 1112 without the appointees having been recommended by the Public Service Commissioner ; and

(*c*) the persons exempted from the operation of the rules relating to competitive examination in the case of those whose acting service was on the date of such appointment less than three years ?

MR. P. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*):

(*a*) & (*b*) *The statement is laid on the table.

(*c*) No exemption from the operation of the Rules relating to competitive examination was specially granted. There was one instance of an appointment of a person who had not put in three years' acting service before the 25th June 1935. He had not to appear for any selective test, as the rules then in force did not require it.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: Is there reason for appointing that one person who had not put in three years' acting service before the 25th June 1935 ?

MR. P. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: The Public Service Recruitment Rules requiring that appointments should be made on the recommendation, of the Public Service Commissioner came into operation only on the 1st Kanni 1112 ; this appointment was made long before that.

Opening of a Fishery School at Kottar.

363 *MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the fishermen of South Travancore petitioned the Government to open a fishery school at Kottar ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No.

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